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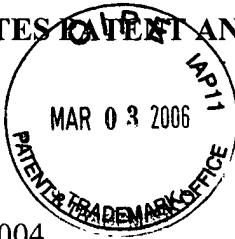
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CONTRAST AGENTS**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
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This *Response to Restriction Requirement* is being filed in response to the *Office Action* mailed December 29, 2005. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Petition* to extend the time period of response by one (1) month up to and including February 28, 2006. Therefore, this *Response to Restriction Requirement* is timely filed.

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